

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 89

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Katy Varney on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, Katy Varney is one such estimable person, who served with distinction for thirty years as an employee with MP&F Strategic Communications and took her much-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, Ms. Varney worked on the White House staffs of First Lady Rosalynn Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale, in addition to serving as an adviser to several presidential campaigns and the chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill for Governor Ned McWherter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Varney utilized this impressive institutional knowledge and experience to the betterment of her community at MP&F, and she was responsible for such innovative campaigns as the Tennessee District Attorney's "Meth Destroys" statewide education and awareness campaign, Metro Nashville's "Curby" recycling education initiative, the campaign to defeat an "English Only" charter amendment in Nashville, and the World Wildlife Fund's "Earth Hour" campaign, all of which were recognized with the national PRSA Silver Anvil Award; and

WHEREAS, she also played a pivotal role in the "Friends of Gaile Owens" campaign, which won a national SABRE award, and she led grassroots, event planning, and communication strategy for the Nashville Public Education Foundation, including the Project RESET initiative, which won eight Nashville PRSA Parthenon Awards and two IABC Awards of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Varney's work was multifaceted and varied, ranging from assisting with national advertising for the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps program to leading communication initiatives for major corporations like Kirkland's; and

WHEREAS, she also applied herself to ensuring her community's well-being; she has been involved with the YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, served as the chairwoman of the Nashville Public Library Foundation, served as chairwoman of the Tennessee State Fair Board, serves on the board of WPLN, and serves as a trustee of The Andrew Jackson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Varney labors in this world so that she might retire to the next and is an active member of Nashville's Christ Church Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, Katy Varney exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Katy Varney demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Katy Varney our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.